

YOUTH SERVICES POLICY

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| Title: Personal Grooming and/or Group Identification of Youth Next Annual Review Date: 05/21/2010 | Type: B. Classification, Sentencing and Service Functions Sub Type: 8. Youth Related Services Number: B.8.2 |
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| References: ACA Standard 2-CO-4D-01 (Administration of Correctional Agencies) | |
| Approved By: Mary L. Livers, Deputy Secretary | Date of Approval: 05/21/2009 |

I. AUTHORITY:

Deputy Secretary of Youth Services as contained in La. R.S. 36:405. Deviation from this policy must be approved by the Deputy Secretary.

II. PURPOSE:

To formulate policy regarding the appearance and personal grooming of youth in order to promote proper secure care practices and good sanitation, health and safety standards.

III. APPLICABILITY:

Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Facility Directors, secure care staff and youth. The Directors are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy and conveying its contents to the youth.

IV. POLICY:

It is the Deputy Secretary's policy that youth are allowed freedom in personal grooming and dress, except when their appearance and hair style or hair length conflicts with facility requirements for safety, security, identification and hygiene. These controls are necessary to prevent incidents such as the introduction, concealment and trafficking of contraband; the ability to easily change one's appearance for deception purposes; inhibit the youth's ability to gang or group identify and for hygiene and health standards.

V. PROCEDURES:

- A. Any means of possible youth "group" identification, other than groups affiliated with facility-sponsored programs, including, but not limited to, hair styles and clothing, will not be permitted. Additionally, any manner in which

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youth clothing is worn that could be interpreted as demonstrating group allegiance or "colors" shall be prohibited.

- B. A youth's hair shall be neatly groomed in such a manner as to prevent the concealment of contraband and to limit his ability to change his appearance. Further, youth hairstyles may not interfere, delay, or create difficulty in conducting search procedures.
- C. Each facility shall enforce an established youth grooming standard which conforms with this policy. Because of the critical aspects of this policy, appropriate disciplinary and enforcement action will be taken if voluntary compliance is not achieved.

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Attachments/References: